GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS-PR&RD Department-Allegations of irregularities in the work "Providing BT to the road from Rajupalem to Gunthapalli via Routhupalli and Payalapalli", in Prakasam District-Disciplinary action initiated against **Sri K.Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer, Prakasam District** under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991-Charge not proved in Inquiry Report dt:15.11.2021 of the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Ongole, Prakasam District & Inquiry Authority-Representation received- Further action dropped-Orders-Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.776 **Dated:14.11.2023**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, V&E, Vigilance Report No.7 (C.No.1012-1/V&E/E2015), dt:10.02.2016
2. From the Finance (Admn.II) Department, U.O. Note NO. 526/96/WA/Admn.II/2016, dated: 03.08.2017.
3. G.O.Rt.No.09, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, dt:07.01.2020.
4. G.O.Rt.No.12, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, dt:07.01.2020.
5. U.O.Note No.Fin01-HODSOADWA(ESM)/12/2020, Finance (Admn.II-DWA-PAO) Department, dt:09.02.2021 along with the Written Statement of Defense dt:01.02.2021 of Sri K.Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer, Prakasam District, now C.A&F.O, APWRDC, Vijayawada.
6. G.O.Rt.No.181, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., Dt:31.03.2021.
7. From the Superintending Engineer, Ongole, Prakasam District & Inquiry Authority, Inquiry Report dt:15.11.2021.
8. Govt., Memo No.4353/Vig.II/2016-11, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:25.01.2023
9. U.O. Note No. HODSOADWA (ESM)/12/2020, Finance (Admn.II-DWA-PAO) Department, dt:17.03.2023 along with the representation dt:21.02.2023 of Sri K.Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer, Prakasam District, now JDWA, APWRDC, Vijayawada.

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ORDER:

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department on the allegations of irregularities in the work "Providing BT to the road from Rajupalem to Gunthapalli via Routhupalli and Payalapalli in Prakasam District" made vide reference 1st read above and based on the consent

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accorded by the Finance (Admn.II) Department vide reference 2nd read above, Government in Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly framing articles of charge under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, against Sri K.Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer, Prakasam District vide references 3rd & 4th read above respectively, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge:

That the said Sri K. Somaiah, the then PAO, Prakasam District has misused his official position for his personal gains in contravention of conduct Rules, 1964 and committed irregularities in processing the CC bills for payment on the work "Providing BT road from Rajupalem to Guntupalli via Routhupalli and Payalpalli" in Prakasam District. Rs.555.00/530.00 lakhs thereby caused loss to Govt., to a tune of Rs.43,46,125/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Forty Six Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Five Only).

2. In the reference 5th read above, the Finance Department among others, have furnished the written statement of defence dt:01.02.2021 of Charged Officer-3 Sri K. Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer (WA), Prakasam District, for taking further action in the matter.

3. Government have not satisfied with the written statement of defence submitted by charged officer and decided to conduct a regular inquiry into the matter against the charged officer Sri K. Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer (WA), Prakasam District and other four (4) Co-charged officers involved in the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, Ongole, Prakasam District as Inquiry Authority under Rule 20 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against all the charged officers in the matter.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Superintending Engineer, Ongole, Prakasam District & Inquiry Authority, has submitted the Inquiry Report dt:15.11.2021, wherein the Inquiry Officer among others, has held that the charges framed against the charged officer Sri K. Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer (WA), Prakasam District , are not held proved.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Sri K. Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer (WA), Prakasam District, as per the Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for his representation, if any on the findings of the inquiry report.

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6. In the reference 9th read above, the Finance Department among others, have furnished the representation dt:21.02.2023 of charged officer Sri K. Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer (WA), Prakasam District, JDWA, APWRDC, Vijayawada, for taking necessary action in the matter.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby drop further action against Sri K. Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer (WA), Prakasam District, now Joint Director, Works & Accounts, APWRDC, Vijayawada, in the matter, as the charges are not held proved against him.

8. The Director of Works and Accounts, AP, Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Works and Accounts, A.P, Vijayawada.
(with a request to the serve the order on the individual and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government)
Sri K. Somaiah, the then Pay & Accounts Officer (WA), Prakasam District and presently working as Joint Director, WA, APWRDC, Vijayawada.
through Director of Works and Accounts, A.P, Vijayawada.
The Finance (Admn.II-DWA-PAO) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi

Copy to:
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM. for PR&RD Department.
The PS to Spl.CS to Government, PR&RD Department,
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